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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2001 and the Interview Summary mailed January 17, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 19 to read as follows:

Fastener member 28 is shown in FIGS. 1 and 4 as being preferably of a tubular configuration. The fastener member 28 is preferably formed of steel with an electroless nickel/teflon finish, and has a first opening 56 and a second opening 58 which define a second cavity 60. The fastener member 28 includes a first inner bore 62 having a first diameter, and a second inner bore 64 having a second diameter which is less than the diameter of the first bore.

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